

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 12, 2007

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 105

"Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors"

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Flynn, Vice Chair John Stilin, Eva Moon, Roy Leban, Kamal Siegel and Jill Krusinski

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Latha Sambamurti; Praveen Venkataramana

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Yelanjian, Arts Administrator; Meagan Farrell, Recording Secretary

YOUTH ADVOCATES PRESENT: Deanne Tockey

GUESTS PRESENT: Kevin Pittenger, Ben Tole, Dayne Ryan, Lauren Nishikawa, Beth Caspary, Clint McCune

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Flynn called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:01 p.m. at Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 105.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of March 8, 2007 carried without objection.

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Add the following items under Staff Reports:
 - Presentation of Microsoft and Safeco Corporation Loan Projects.
 - Annual Report

- Applications for New Commissioners
- Add Honoring Roy Leban to New Business

Motion for approval of the revised RAC agenda of April 12, 2007 carried without objection.

IV. CHAIR REPORTS

A. Chair Report – Flynn

The ROS program is coming together. Chair Flynn is impressed with the collection.

B. Vice Chair Report - Stilin

Vice Chair Stilin shared an article on junk horses. He feels that this is an artist to incorporate in the future.

V. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Clint McCune is the owner of Soulfood Books. Commissioner Moon is encouraging him to apply to be on RAC. Soulfood Books has open mic nights once a month that features many musicians.

VI. BREAKFAST WITH THE MAYOR - Stilin

This event has been rescheduled for April 26 at 8am at the Family Pancake House (17621 Redmond Way). The mayor's office will handle publicity for this event. This will be a chance for citizens to talk with RAC. Commissioners Moon, Stilin, Flynn, Krusinski, and Siegel will attend.

VII. STAFF REPORTS - Yelanjian

A. Arts Education Week – May 14-20, 2007

Proclamations have been done at a local and state level. Yelanjian wrote a proclamation and RAC made suggestions of possible additions to it. Youth Advocate Tockey suggested having high school students go to elementary schools to work with younger kids in the arts during that week. Stilin will write an additional part of the Proclamation.

B. Safeco/Microsoft Corporate Loan Program

Microsoft has three pieces to loan that would come with pedestals and vatrines. These pieces would be placed in City Hall by the plants in the main entry. Safeco has six pieces to loan. They have three paintings that they want to place above the stairway in city hall's lobby. They have three other pieces to place in the employee cafeteria. The cost of the installation by Artech would be approximately \$13,000 due to the difficulty in hanging the

art above the stairway. This price would not include the cost to remove after two years. These pieces would be in place until 2009. Pieces are insured for 50% by the city and 50% by the loaning company. RAC felt that \$13,000 was too much to spend for a temporary exhibit. They asked Yelanjian to consult with Safeco about only hanging one piece above the stairway to reduce this cost. The rest of the pieces will be installed as they are much less expensive to display.

C. Annual Report

Chair Flynn and former Commission Leban will attend the council meeting on May 1 to present the Annual Report.

D. Applications For New RAC Members

There are a few applications on the Mayor's desk, but she is out of town currently. Yelanjian does not have access to these applications until the mayor returns on April 30.

E. Staff Absences

Yelanjian and Lysaght will both be out of town at conventions during the week of April 23.

VIII. ARTS VOLUNTEER AWARD SELECTION - Yelanjian

Commissioner Leban nominated EAFA (East Side Association of Fine Arts) in addition to the two existing applications.

Motion to award Jan Sherwood, Pat Pattabhiraman, and EAFA with the Arts Volunteer Awards carried without objection.

Commissioner Moon suggested that RAC review this award to decide what it accomplishes for RAC and if it is meeting that accomplishment. The Administrative Committee will review.

INTERMISSION

Krusinski presented RAC with petit fours decorated with gorgeous marzipan butterflies that she made.

IX. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - Flynn

The Public Safety Building Committee has narrowed the selection down to two artists. Their first choice is Roberto Delgado and second choice are the Bruce and Shannon.

Motion to approve committee recommendation by: Commissioner Moon

Second by: Vice Chair Stilin

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

The artists will give samples of their work to be displayed for public comment.

X. REDMOND OUTDOOR SCULPTURE PROGRAM - Yelanjian

RAC viewed the selection by the Curator. RAC discussed the possibility of adding more pieces in the Overlake area. They also discussed contacting the artist who made the junk horse pieces. Yelanjian forwarded the information on this artist to the curator.

Motion to approve the Redmond Outdoor Sculpture Proposal pending safety and installation review by: Commissioner Siegel.

Second by: Commissioner Krusinski

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

XI. PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE – Moon

A. Digital Arts and Gaming Festival - Siegel

This event will take place in August 2008. The committee will meet again to work on the details of this event. Yelanjian wrote a grant to 4Culture for \$10,000 to help fund this event, which would cost \$65,000. Half of the \$65,000 would be in kind costs. The committee would like this event to be free. The goal is to make this a very large event with involvement from Nintendo and Microsoft.

B. Redmond Arts Jam - Moon

Commissioner Moon met with Yelanjian about this event. The objective is to plan a test event where the community can come play music. It will be focused on music and performance. Half of the time will be open mic and half the night will feature a band performance where the community can join in and jam with. ***If RAC is interested in helping to plan this event, please contact Commissioner Moon.*** This event will be incorporated with Arts in the Parks.

Motion to move forward with planning Redmond Arts Jam by:

Commissioner Siegel.

Second by: Vice Chair Stilin

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Stilin

Commissioner Krusinski created a set of very detailed goals. The Executive Committee will meet to finalize these goals once Commissioner Sambamurti returns. The administrative committee will also review the grant process.

XIII. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Moon

Commissioner Moon and Vice Chair Stilin met with Lysaght about the Art Registry. They decided to pull this form from the website because it is not possible to process the information at this time. Due to a shortage of IT staff it is not possible to create a new registry at this time either. Most of the information that RAC was interested in collecting is already on the existing paper form so they will continue to use that form for now. It was decided that Vice Chair Stilin would write press release to let people know about the paper form. Yelanjian will also follow up with Lysaght about setting up a new data base that is accessible to RAC.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

RAC recognized Commissioner Leban for his years of service. RAC thanks Commissioner Leban for his work and dedication. Commissioner Leban thanked RAC for his experience and friendships.

XV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by: Commissioner Leban

Second by: Commissioner Krusinski

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Meagan Farrell.

NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:

May 10, 2007

Old Redmond School House Community Center

7:00 p.m.

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: April 12, 2007

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

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